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VIA EMAIL AND OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Ms. Alisa Bentley Secretary Delaware Public Service Commission 861 Silver Lake Boulevard Dover, DE 19904

RE: Response of Delmarva Power & Light Company to Petition of

State Representative John Kowalko, et al Concerning Improved

Utility Bill Transparency

Dear Ms. Bentley:

Enclosed please find the original and 10 copies of the above-referenced filing. Originals will be delivered via overnight delivery on Friday, June 28, 2013.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Todd L. Goodman

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

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RESPONSE OF DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY TO PETITION OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOHN KOWALKO, STATE SENATOR DAVE LAWSON, AND STATE SENATOR GARY SIMPSON CONCERNING UTILITY BILL TRANSPARENCY

Delmarva Power & Light Company (Delmarva Power), by and through its undersigned counsel, responds to the above captioned petition (the "Petition") as follows:

- 1. Delmarva Power supports the Petition by State Representative John Kowalko, State Senator Dave Lawson and State Senator Simpson (the "Petitioners") to provide additional transparency in customer utility bills, and looks forward to working with Petitioners and other interested parties through this process.
- 2. Delmarva agrees that there are multiple mandatory governmental programs and initiatives, designed to benefit the general public, that result in additional charges within the bills of Delmarva Power's customers.
- 3. The General Assembly has established laws designed to provide customers with notice and information concerning utility rates; the Public Service Commission (the "Commission") has developed rules and procedures designed to comply with and in many cases, exceed, the requirements of such laws; and Delmarva Power has complied with and/or exceeded the notice and disclosure requirements of such laws and rules. Nevertheless, the various governmental programs and the manner in which they must be charged to customers are often complex and are not separately reflected on customer's bills.
- 4. Delmarva fully supports the goal of making utility bills more reflective of the financial impact and benefits of various governmental programs and initiatives, and supports opening

a docket to explore the manner in which bills can be revised to better inform customers of the costs and benefits of such programs.

- 5. In moving forward with this Petition, it is important to note that a rulemaking proceeding, pursuant to 26 Del. C. §354 (i) & (j), is currently pending with the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control ("DNREC") which, through an ongoing analysis of the costs and benefits of renewable and clean energy resources, will establish rules for determining the cost of complying with the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards Act ("REPSA"). The outcome of that DNREC rulemaking proceeding will be important to determining how to reflect REPSA compliance costs on utility bills.
- 6. Delmarva respectfully suggests that, in order to ensure that all interested parties and positions will be fully and carefully considered, the following regulatory process be utilized:
 - a. That a docket be opened;
 - b. That working group sessions be conducted, by Commission Staff, in which various interested parties, including but not limited to the Petitioners, Commission Staff, the Division of the Public Advocate, interveners and Delmarva Power can work together to identify the needs of Delmarva's customers and the most appropriate manner to revise utility bills to reflect those needs;
 - c. That at the conclusion of working group sessions, Staff provide Commission with a report regarding the recommended billing disclosures; and
 - d. That if members of the working group do not agree with some of all of the recommendations in Staff's report, the individual parties may present their positions to the Commission for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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